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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 410X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Quadlok, Washington and Olympia, Washington**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 5, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 5.80-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 3.27 in Quadlok, and railroad milepost 9.07 in Olympia, in Thurston County, Washington. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 98501, 98503, 98513, and 98516. An Interim Trails Use Railbanking Agreement, dated November 22, 2004, was entered into between BNSF and the Cities of Lacey and Olympia between railroad milepost 3.27 and railroad milepost 6.73, in lieu of abandonment of that portion of the line. We will submit a separate letter of consummation for the remainder of the line in the near future.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

*Sidney Strickland, Jr.*  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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cc: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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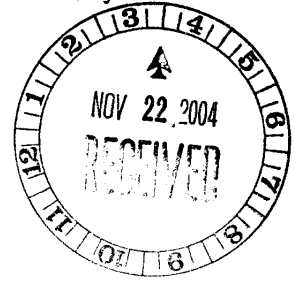
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